

March 24, 2009

S 802. IMMUNITY FOR VOLUNTEER PHYSICIANS. Filed 3/24/09. *TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR PHYSICIANS WORKING IN VOLUNTEER NETWORKS.*

Amends GS 90-21.16 to define a *nonprofit community health referral service* as a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that provides referrals for low-income and uninsured patients to volunteer providers who provide health care services at no charge to patients. Provides that volunteer medical or health care providers who treat patients at no cost who are referred via a *nonprofit community health referral service* receive the limited immunity from liability for damages for volunteer medical or health care professionals provided under GS 90-21.16. Makes conforming changes.

Effective October 1, 2009, and applies to any alleged acts or omissions in the providing of medical services occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by Rand.

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May 13, 2009

S 802. IMMUNITY FOR NONPROFIT HEALTH REF. SERVICE (NEW). Filed 3/24/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH REFERRAL SERVICE THAT REFERS LOW-INCOME PATIENTS TO PHYSICIANS FOR FREE SERVICES IS NOT LIABLE FOR THE ACTS OR OMISSION OF THE PHYSICIAN IN RENDERING SERVICE TO THAT PATIENT, IF THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR THAT SERVICE.*

Deletes proposed changes to GS 90-21.16(a) that added references to nonprofit community health referral services. Instead adds new subsection (d) to GS 90-21.16 as the title indicates. Makes organizational changes.

June 1, 2009

S 802. IMMUNITY FOR NONPROFIT HEALTH REF. SERVICE. Filed 3/24/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes a technical change only.

August 18, 2009

SL 2009-435 (S 802). IMMUNITY FOR NONPROFIT HEALTH REFERRAL SERVICE. AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH REFERRAL SERVICE THAT REFERS LOW-INCOME PATIENTS TO PHYSICIANS FOR FREE SERVICES IS NOT LIABLE FOR THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE PHYSICIAN IN RENDERING SERVICE TO THAT PATIENT, IF THE PHYSICIAN MAINTAINS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR THAT SERVICE. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/24/09, 5/13/09, and 6/1/09. Enacted August 7, 2009. Effective October 1, 2009.